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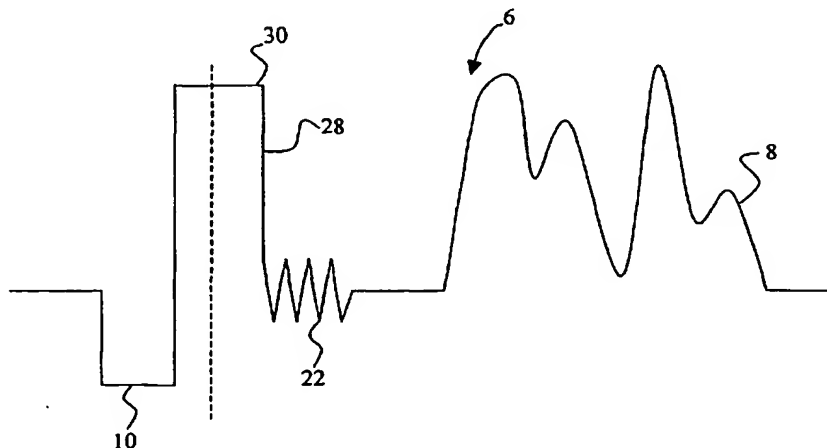
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(57) Abstract: A anti-copy programme signal is provided. Copies of the anti-copy video pulses made on a video recorder experience reduced quality and interference in playback making them unpleasant to watch. The uncopied signal can be viewed without any material effect on picture quality. The signal comprises a pulse (28) added to each line (6) of the signal throughout both the visible picture region and throughout the vertical blanking region (12), as well as a first modulated wave-form (34) added to the vertical synchronisation pulses (16) of the signal and a second modulated wave-form (36) added to several lines (6) of the picture signal before the vertical blanking section (12). The presence of all three of these features together has been found to provide a surprising accumulative effectiveness in causing interference in the reproduction of the modified video signal during playback of the copied video signal, that is greater than the effectiveness provided by the different features taken separately.

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